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THE ANTI-TRUST DECISION. — Since the Supreme Court of the United States declared the Income Tax unconstitutional, it has given no decision which has aroused so much general interest as that in the case of *United States v. The Trans-Missouri Freight Association*, 17 Sup. C. Rep. 540. Its immediate effect has been to unsettle the whole of the railway business of the United States; and many of those who ought to know prophesy nothing less than a financial disaster to the country, unless the court changes its position, or Congress passes a new statute to fit the case. Even if one is inclined to believe the result to be unfortunate, the question remains whether the Court or Congress is to blame. The next number of the HARVARD LAW REVIEW will contain a leading article discussing this subject.

THE REGISTRATION OF LAWYERS. — A bill providing for the registration of lawyers has recently been introduced into the New York Legislature. Embodying in its essential features certain suggestions made at the last annual meeting of the New York Bar Association, the proposed law requires every attorney regularly admitted to practice in courts of record to enroll his name in the office of the clerk of the county in which he resides; and directs that, from the authentic lists thus obtained by the various county clerks, the clerk of the Court of Appeals shall make up the "Official Register of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law in the State of New York."

While the bill, as introduced, may perhaps be open to criticism as to several matters of detail, the general plan itself certainly indicates a step in the direction of conservative legal reform. Under conditions now existing in many States, it is often exceedingly difficult to ascertain definitely whether a certain individual, holding himself out to the world as an attorney at law, has actually been admitted to the bar. As the natural result of this state of affairs, many unscrupulous and ignorant parties masquerade as "lawyers," to the injury of the unsuspecting classes in the community, and to the disgrace of the profession itself. Were it only easier to detect